

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Original Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (new). A compressed-gas-insulated switching device, comprising:

a grounded encapsulating housing formed of electrically conductive material, said encapsulating housing having first and second flanges;

an electrical phase conductor electrically insulated within said encapsulating housing;

first and second coupling housings;

a circuit breaker interrupter unit;

a first insulating housing surrounding said interrupter unit, connected through said first coupling housing to said first flange and having an interior;

a switch disconnector;

a second insulating housing surrounding said switch disconnector, connected

through said second coupling housing to said second flange and having an interior;

said interrupter unit having a main current path with a first connecting point connected to said phase conductor and a second connecting point leading exteriorly from said interior of said first insulating housing; and

said switch disconnector having a first connecting point connected to said phase conductor and a second connecting point leading exteriorly from said interior of said second insulating housing.

Claim 8 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 7, wherein said switch disconnector has a movable contact piece, and a drive device is coupled to said second coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece.

Claim 9 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 7, wherein said circuit breaker interrupter unit has a movable contact piece, and a drive device is coupled to said first coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece.

Claim 10 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 7, wherein said first insulating housing together with said interrupter unit and said first coupling housing, are interchangeable with said second insulating

housing together with said switch disconnector and said second coupling housing.

Claim 11 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 8, which further comprises a drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of said second coupling housing.

Claim 12 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 9, which further comprises a drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of first said coupling housing.

Claim 13 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 10, wherein:

 said circuit breaker interrupter unit has a movable contact piece, a first drive device coupled to said first coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece, and a first drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of first said coupling housing; and

 said switch disconnector has a movable contact piece, a second drive device coupled to said second coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece, and a second drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of said second coupling housing.

Claim 14 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to

claim 8, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said second coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 15 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 9, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said first coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 16 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 11, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said second coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 17 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 12, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 18 (new). The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 13, wherein said drive devices are each disposed on an outer periphery of a respective one of said coupling housings and supported by said encapsulating housing.